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Dr. Edward Dadez

After Nearly Two Decades in the Saint Leo Community, Dadez Recounts his Experiences

By John Hall

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In May, after nearly two decades of living and working within the Saint Leo University Community, Dr. Edward Dadez retired from his position as Vice President for Student Affairs and Campus Operations. Having spent decades living and interacting with students on numerous campuses, Dadez reflected on his time within the Saint Leo Community with *The Lions' Pride*.

"When I first arrived in 2000, I was vice president for Student Affairs. Later, then University President Dr. Arthur Kirk asked me to take over the education centers from Key West to Virginia out to San Diego. So, for about 11 years, I was also responsible for the education centers and at one point also for the online platform," said Dadez.

As the vice president of Student Affairs, Dadez was responsible for everything outside the classrooms and not [on] the athletic fields in addition to the centers.

"Three years ago [2015] my title changed to vice president for Student Affairs and Campus Operations, which meant I still had the student affairs operations on campus, but I had also picked up the facilities management and some of the other business affairs functions," he said.

Despite having multiple positions under his remit during his tenure, there were a few highlights of his time.

"The first highlight was during [my] first year. I started on March 15, 2000, and the campus was much smaller, probably no more than 600-700 students living on campus," Dadez said. "I was very surprised that students weren't happy because the campus seemed idyllic, you know off of this lake with palm trees. I spent most of my professional career in Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania so how could people not be happy?"

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Dr. Dadez was a part of the Saint Leo community from 2000-2018. During that time, Dadez held many positions, all of which were student centered.

Dadez spent a lot of time talking with students, faculty and staff to figure out what was Student Affairs doing right, and what they could do better.

"With that I began working with the staff to begin [the implementation] of a number of strategies that would increase retention, but also even more importantly, increase student satisfaction, and about two years in, it was clear to me that we had begun to make that change."

One change Dadez explained was student retention. Around the time he had arrived, student retention was in the low 60 percent range, which increased to around 72 percent within a three to five-year period.

Another highlight of his tenure at Saint Leo was working with the Student Government Union in the capacity as their adviser. This

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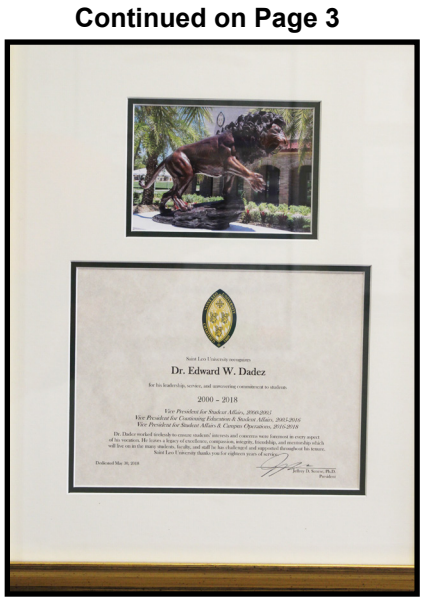

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A plaque of recognition hangs in the Student Activities Building for Dr. Dadez's many years of service.

The Gears are in Motion for the Senate

By Philip Waitkevich

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The Senate held their second meeting Wednesday, Oct. 3, and the Senate's committees proposed many potential programs. The committees are given a certain amount of funds taken from the student activity fees, which they use to accomplish certain goals of the Senate. The most notable project ideas proposed by the committees this week are:

- The Judicial Committee, chaired by Senator Rose Foley, suggested new Best Practice Guidelines for clubs attempting to get Student Government Union (SGU) recognized. These guidelines are still a work in progress and are not absolute requirements for club recognition. However, they are preferred by the senators to be done before attempting to be acknowledged because it shows that a club is serious about being recognized. The guidelines will resemble the standards that recognized clubs must follow to be in good standing.

"I feel like last year when clubs would come in to be SGU recognized we would spend [too much time] talking about [the potential club's recognition]. We created these guidelines in order to be more efficient with our senate meetings and to be more efficient with the clubs getting SGU recognized," said Foley.

Foley also said that having Best Practice Guidelines would

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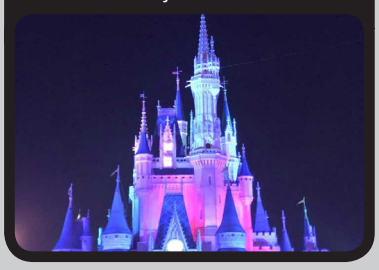

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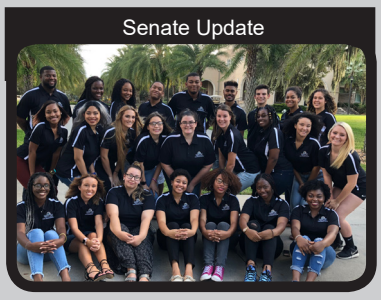

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Editorials

Brett Kavanaugh's Confirmation Controversy Continues

By Travis Farmer
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On Saturday, Oct. 6, Brett Kavanaugh was confirmed by the Senate with a vote of 50-48, allowing him to sit on the Supreme Court of the United States. This vote comes after a vicious confirmation battle in the Senate Judiciary Committee involving multiple allegations of sexual assault against the nominee. However, despite this, Brett Kavanaugh will now sit on the nation's highest court for the rest of his life. But what does this mean?

The Supreme Court of the United States, commonly referred to as SCOTUS decides what is constitutional and what is not in America. They do not set laws; they simply determine if laws and policies are in line with what the founding fathers say in the Constitution. For example, in Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court ruled that the United States does not have the right to criminalize or restrict abortions. This result did not come because of the judges' opinions on abortion, but because they believe in the 14th Amendment to protect those health rights.

This separation is an important distinction to remember, as the Supreme Court is not trying criminals in court or making laws. They are simply deciding if an action in the nation is constitutional, and if it is not, they forbid it from happening. Another example came in 2015 with Obergefell v. Hodges, where the Supreme Court ruled that under the due process clause of the 14th Amendment: the fundamental right to marriage is guaranteed to same-sex couples.

The Supreme Court has nine judges, and of those nine a majority need to decide on a case to select it. In a perfect world, these Supreme Court judges do not put their politics into their decisions, but in actuality, this rarely happens. This is why there is such a fight for these positions from both sides, as both Republicans and Democrats want judges that will make choices that they want.

This is particularly important this time around, as President Trump has said repeatedly that he will nominate a candidate who will help appeal Roe V. Wade to criminalize abortions in America once again.

Another important thing to consider on the Supreme Court is the weight of which sides have how many seats. On the current court, with Kavanaugh, there are five conservative judges and four liberals. With this majority, any conservative case that comes through can easily get passed. For example, the overturning of Roe V. Wade, or cases about the role of religion in the government.

But with knowing how the Supreme Court works, what does this mean now that Kavanaugh has a seat? To begin, any issues that Kavanaugh is particularly involved in have a better chance of being seen, and once they are seen, there's a better chance of them passing in the way Kavanaugh wants. Once again, to go back to the abortion example, Kavanaugh has previously ruled in favor of abortion restrictions in Azar v. Garza and also ruled that an illegal immigrant minor could be prevented from receiving an abortion while a refugee. This opinion on abortion is likely one of the factors that earned Kavanaugh his nomination from Trump, who has used abortion has a big campaign issue.

Another issue that Kavanaugh has experience in is the Second Amendment and gun control. In 2011, Kavanaugh dissented when the court he was sitting on found a ban of semi-automatic rifles to be permissible under the Second Amendment. So if a case about the Second Amendment were to reach the Supreme Court, it is obvious how Kavanaugh would swing.

Kavanaugh is also known for writing an article in 2009 where he stated that sitting presidents should be exempt from civil lawsuits while in office. This is noteworthy as Donald Trump is currently in a position where he could very likely be the basis of a lawsuit any day now by any number of people, and if these were to reach the Supreme Court Kavanaugh would likely "have Trump's back."

Kavanaugh is replacing Justice Anthony Kennedy, who was widely known as the swing vote on the court. While Kennedy was conservative, there were times when he swung in the other way, such as when he was the swing vote in Obergefell v. Hodges. However, with Kennedy's retirement and Kavanaugh's appointment, this transition from a swing to a very hard conservative has shifted the court very hard to the right. This change has many liberals in America and Congress worried that some milestone cases could be stripped away now, such as Roe v. Wade, Obergefell v. Hodges and other social issues such as recreational marijuana, the death penalty,and transgender rights.

Of course, it is impossible not to mention that Kavanaugh also has a myriad of sexual assault allegations against him. Most famously from Dr. Christine Ford, these allegations come from his high school and college days, saying that he took advantage of women, spiked drinks at parties and forcefully held women against walls.

However, these allegations were not enough to stop Congress from confirming him 50-48. President Trump also openly mocked Ford at a campaign rallying, leading to cheers and laughter from the crowd as he mocked her memory and testimony. Ford's family is still not back in their home due to the unending death threats against her, yet Trump has the audacity to say that Kavanaugh's life is ruined when he's now one of the most powerful people in the country.

Despite the obvious sexual assault allegations, there are two other problems with Kavanaugh's appointment: his partisanship and his demeanor during the Senate hearings. During the Senate hearings, Kavanaugh repeatedly said that the sexual assault allegations against him were a conspiracy theory from the liberal democrats to get him to withdraw his nomination or to get him denied by Senate. If Kavanaugh truly believes this, how will he ever give a liberal case coming in front of the Supreme Court the due process it deserves? He has an obvious bias against Democrats when he is on the stand screaming about them.

This leads to another point, where he was screaming and having a breakdown at the hearings. Compared to Ford, who was calm and collected as she recounted a traumatic experience that happened to her, Kavanaugh was screaming and crying at the top of his lungs while he ranted about his alcohol of choice and the Democrats. Is this behavior fitting of someone who gets to sit on the most prestigious court in the country, and probably the world?

The decisions that are made by the Supreme Court affect the entire globe, not just America. Knowing this, we should put only our best on the Supreme Court, not someone who takes seven FBI investigations, four women coming against him with sexual assault allegations and nationwide protests to be appointed.

Unfortunately, Kavanaugh is only 53, and since Supreme Court Judges serve for life, he has the chance to sit on the court for 30 or more years. Hopefully, this masquerade does not happen again, and if more evidence against Kavanaugh is exposed then the problem can be fixed with the legal system.

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On Oct. 8 at a ceremonial swearing in event at the White House, President Trump apologized to Kavanaugh for the "terrible pain and suffereing" he and his family endured.

Out of the loop? Check out "The Rabbit Hole: Brett Kavanaugh's Senate Hearing"

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Upset with Kavanaugh's appointment or happy with it? Either way, make sure to vote in the midterms on Nov. 6! Every vote counts!

Campus News

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was an exceptional experience for Dadez, given the proximity of lives he could affect in this role.

"One of the things you realize when you're in a professional career is that, as you move up, you have less and less time with students and that's the part that always kind of bothered me," stated Dadez.

For the first eight years of Dadez's professional career, he said he was like a residence hall director, and during that time, he got to know students extremely well and became close with a lot of those students. In fact, he's still in contact with a number of those students.

Dadez always lived on campus, which gave him a deep connection to the Saint Leo community.

"Living on the campus was important to me when I came to Saint Leo because I think that students felt that staff weren't listening to them. In having me also live on campus, they began to become closer with me; I think it helped turn [the situation] around, he said"

"The staff members saw that as an important value, but it also provided some opportunities in changing staff to bring in staff who felt that it was important to get to know students, to listen to students and to become more engaged in the campus."

Having attended and worked on several university campuses including Virginia Commonwealth, The Ohio State University, The University of Dayton, Michigan State, Bucknell and Chowan University in North Carolina, Dadez has experienced all types of campuses and all types of student bodies, but Saint Leo is where he connected most with students.

"I've worked at a lot of institutions not because I couldn't hold a job, but because I kept moving up," said Dadez. "I felt the most comfortable at Saint Leo University with the type of student body it is.

Dadez and his wife were first-generation college students, and being half Asian and half white, he felt the diversity, the kind he didn't see at some of the other schools.

"I was more comfortable working with the type of students that were really trying to make it," he said. "Saint Leo has a good percentage of first-generation college students, and [I was] trying to help them and trying to be a voice for them but also someone that they could relate to about what it was like to go home at Thanksgiving and have your parents [not] understand what college is or why you're there or why that's important," said Dadez.

Dadez is optimistic about the outlook for the University under the guidance of Dr. Senese.

"I think the future is extremely bright with Dr. Senese. I was impressed with him when he arrived on campus; I knew that he had a vision for where the University could go, and I loved the interview that he had with *The Lions' Pride Media Group* outlining the things that he was going to do."

Acknowledging his previous successes in the field of education, Dadez owes a large part of his success to listening to the staff, but more importantly the students under his portfolios. This advice is what he wishes to relay to whomever would take over his position.

The invaluable and selfless service provided by Dadez could not be over emphasized. In the future Dadez looks forward to serving the community in another capacity, one that will involve deeper interaction with students.

Photo by: Saint Leo University

Dr. Dadez was a pivotal individual within the Centre Education Offices, opening numerous centers including but not limited to the Norfolk Centre.

Photo by:The Golden Legend 2000

Dadez found joy in recounting many memorable moments of his time at Saint Leo University. Among those moments was the arrival of his sons as Saint Leo students.

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make it easier to decide which clubs to acknowledge because the guidelines would make the recognition process more objective.

- The Sophomore Committee, also chaired by Senator Rose Foley, proposed to have a new scholarship. The potential scholarship will be available to students of sophomore standing who are trying to take on leadership roles in their community. Foley believes that this will provide sophomores an opportunity to grow as leaders.
- The Research and Marketing Committee, chaired by Romario Williams, communicated with Career Services to see if more jobs and internships could be added to Handshake, Saint Leo University's platform to connect students with potential employers.
- The Philanthropy Committee, chaired by Lisa Ogueke, proposed having a Thanksgiving food drive and an event called a box party. It would be an event where students would help fill boxes with school supplies; these school supplies would be sent to students in other countries.
- The Activities Committee, chaired by Senator Christina VanDerElst, discussed some of their potential plans for themes and activities to be held during the week of Homecoming.
- The Environmental Committee, which has not elected a chair yet, proposed celebrating Earth Day this year. They also intend to help with recycling after it has been implemented.
- The Senior Committee, chaired by Romario Williams, plans to spend most of its funding on Senior Week. This event is historically where the Senior Committee spends the majority of its funds.

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The senators are beginning to settle into their roles, and are eager to serve the student body of the University.

Local

Post-Grad: Wedding & Job Search

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Over the course of the academic year, The Lions' Pride will highlight its graduates in a series of articles. The articles will update and inform the community on life after graduation.

An eventful five months have followed graduation for Christine Strader (nee Cocheo). One of which is teaching the first grade.

What made the job search difficult was that she worked as a substitute teacher in a different state, while looking for jobs in Florida.

"After I graduated, I moved back home to Connecticut for the summer, and I worked as a substitute teacher; Connecticut school goes until mid to late June. That made job searching hard because I had to have phone and Skype interviews and a couple of schools required in person ones," said Strader.

She also interned at an elementary school in Pasco County, and this was expected to help her gain a full-time position at the school; however, after graduating she wasn't able to land a job in this county due to extenuating circumstances. Strader said this made her experience of finding a job stressful. Despite the initial difficulties, Strader was able to get her current job with the aid of her sorority sister.

"I found one just in a different county. When I graduated, Pasco County had a hiring freeze, so I was lucky that a Saint Leo alumni and my Tri Sigma sorority sister reached out and let me know her school was hiring, so Greek life truly does give you important connections," said Strader.

Despite not being offered the full-time position at the school she interned at, she still commended the internship for helping her gain great skills and learn great lessons to be able to do what she does now at her current job.

"The internship experience I was able to have 100% impacted my ability to do my job. Without that real world experience, I would be absolutely drowning right now," Strader mentioned.

She commended her experiences, such as being in a sorority because it did open doors for her after graduation but also made her time in University richer. In fact, Strader added that she doesn't have many regrets because she was involved and active during her college tenure.

"I feel like I got involved and branched out as much I wanted to. If I had not been active with jobs and my sorority I would have regretted it."

She also advised students to do the same to ensure that they don't regret much about their college experience.

"Stay busy and get involved in everything you are interested in because this is your last chance. Once you graduate and have your career you will be so so busy," stated Strader.

Photo provided by Crissy Strader

Strader spoke on a lesson learned regarding transcripts, which was to not send transcripts out until her degree is conferred. She had to pay for multiple copies of her transcript because her degree was conferred on her transcript at the time.

Photo provided by Crissy Strader

Strader got married over the summer to her boyfriend of 5 and ½ years and she stresses the idea that people should cooperate and communicate with their partners to maintain a healthy relationship.

In addition to completing the job search, Strader also got married. She immediately began wedding planning following graduation and got married July 14. Strader was in a relationship with her husband for 5 and ½ years before getting married, and she feels "blessed" to have met someone like him. However, she doesn't think getting married young is the path for everyone.

"I don't want people to think being married at 22 is a standard you should be aiming for," said Strader. "My relationship is wonderful but it is only worth it because of who my husband is. If I was with someone less respectful and kind I would never be able to get through the hard times, like the long distance and stress of finding a job if my partner was also a stressor in my life."

Strader also mentioned how it took work for her and her husband to foster a healthy relationship.

"My husband and I are happy to work for each other because it makes us happier and healthier (personally and in our relationship), but this is a time in life when many people are still understandably selfish because your life is already changing so much," said Strader. "In every relationship even with friends, you need to be emotionally vulnerable and willing to take criticism to have a healthy relationship. If you cannot change and be open emotionally you cannot have a healthy relationship."

She emphasized that being in a long-term relationship requires work, including being vulnerable and making sacrifices, and she went on to mention how it is key to understand how each other communicates and how to work with each other.

"Love is incredible, but at this age, if you don't have it yet, it should not be your focus. Real lasting relationships require work because you have to be willing to change and accept your flaws so you can work on them," said Strader. "At the same time, you need to accept that your partner has different needs than you do and different communication styles can make or break a relationship. Fights are normal, but they should lead to progress. If your arguments do not have any purpose and end up just being hurtful you either are not with the right person or need a counselor to help you understand how you communicate."

She stressed the point that it is not worth being with someone who is not compatible and who is willing to compromise, listen or make sacrifices as well.

"Never stay with a person who is unwilling to listen and do everything they can to meet your needs," said Strader. "I have seen great and horrible relationships, and honestly it is better to be single than with someone who is constantly hurting you. It's better to be single and have a few good friends than to be in a relationship with someone who makes you feel more alone in life than you would feel if you were actually single."

Following graduation, Strader had a lot of interesting experiences, such as getting married and undergoing a job search. And she shared extensive advice that students can use during in their personal lives to evolve:

"The habits you form now will transfer to what you bring to your career so be mindful of who you become in college. You can become hardworking and passionate, or you can become lazy. You will not change into a new person after you graduate so start forming good and healthy habits now."

Lifestyle

How to Write an Essay - And Get an A

By John Hall

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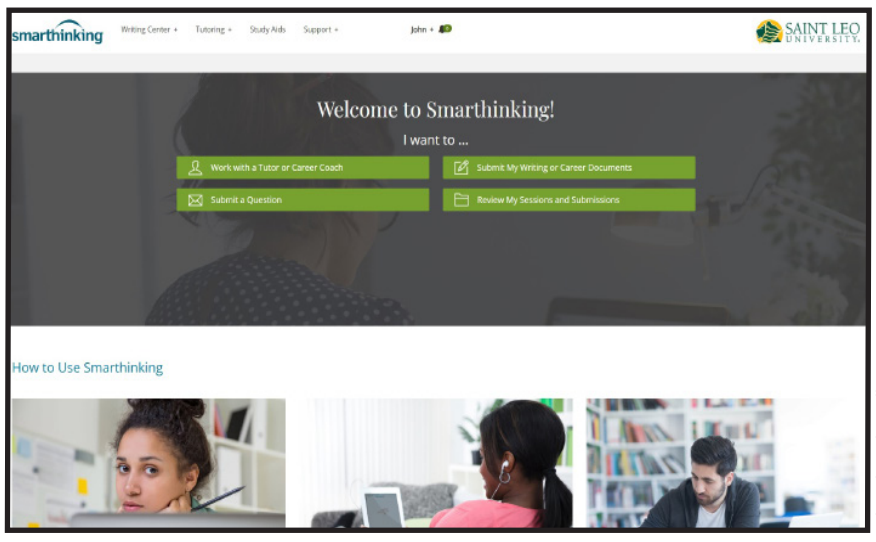
So your professor just gave you a week to write an essay, on what seems to be the most archaic thing in the world. Or, is the article something really interesting, but you have no idea where to start, because you don't feel like the authority on it. Well first relax, it's going to be ok we have all been there and there's a really big chance that you have been here before too. There are many tips that can help you start and end that essay, not only a high note, but a high grade too.

Initially, let's face it you're not going to want to write a 500 - 1000 word essay on the American Revolution, Frankenstein, Global Warming or even the last and worst Star Wars movie. So face the fact that if you don't do a good job you're going to get an F, and who likes those.

Become the authority

It's easy to say I don't know anything about a particular topic, even though you've probably spent three hours in a classroom hearing about it. What is important is that you become the go to guy the good old fashioned way- doing some research. Open up Google and go until you reach Page 5 or 6 and just open tabs, see the pop culture side with Buzz Feed articles and look at the more serious ones by news outlets and documentarists. The important thing here is to learn what is truth from fiction in the world of misinformation and redirection, this shouldn't take up much time maybe 45 minutes to an 1 hour; which we usually waste watching vines.



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Make a List

By now you should have a pretty good idea of what the world surrounding your topic is really about. Now make a list of the really important things that are; unforgettable, incredible, horrific, funny or that your professor seems to really focus on or like. This can be done while you're watching videos or reading the smaller articles online. Either way, ensure that you know what you want to put in the paper.

Talk it through

Ever had a moment of clarity when you were dealing with a problem because you were talking to a friend about it: it's no different here. The essay is proverbially your problem, so talk to someone about it that may have more experience than you. We all have that one friend that knows a ton about the most random facts, talk to them and see where the conversation leads. Remember as well the C.A.V.E (Kirk Hall) and the library have a small army of tutors (some of whom teach), that are willing to hear you out. More importantly record your conversation with them- with permission of course, often times the best and succinct points come up when you're talking it out. Similarly, talk it out alone and record yourself and your thoughts with your phones voice recorder. Usually the conversations we have in our mind, allows us to juxtapose other's statements with our own.

Head back to the source.

After you have done some leg work yourself, it's time to head back to the source, the professor. This is usually a good way to gauge the thoughts you have developed against what is really required from you. Spending one-on-one time with a professor is a good way to guide you into an A – not by sucking up, but by understanding what the assignment is about. Frequently as college students, we write out of the necessity to, and when we do, were not in a good mood about it. Our papers are usually consumed with our personal feelings, which have absolutely nothing to do with what you are going to write about. Talking to the professor or consulting the syllabus and libguides usually puts you into the frame of thinking that will allow your paper to teem with information and coherent thoughts.

Get it reviewed

Those resources like the C.A.V.E and library sure will come in handy at this point. Allow someone else to read and critique your essay, this will ensure you have proper feedback before the submission date. Additionally, as a condition of being at Saint Leo your student email allows you to access the Premium version of the essay reviewing software Grammarly, for free –YES I SAID FREE. Sign up using your Saint Leo email address and you should have access to a tool that will silently review your essay for grammatical and structural errors. Additionally, you have the option of using Smart thinking, a free tool available for you through the courses page (Did I mention it was free?) Press the Learning Tools Tab at the top of the Courses page and scroll down to Online Tutoring, here you can access a FREE human tutor. This option will either set a time for someone to go through your essay with you, or leave commentary within a 24-48 hour window and point you in the right direction.

Don't be intimidated by an essay or procrastinate getting it started. You will find that not only will you get the essay out of the way, but the grade you want will be in plain sight.

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"Touchdown with Words"

Touchdown with Words

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A Not-So-Scary Halloween Party at Disney

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You know it is officially Fall when you see photos all over social media of Disney's Magic Kingdom filled with Halloween and Fall décor. Instead of looking through the photos, you should buy a ticket and experience it all for yourself. The special event is called Mickey's Not-So-Scary Halloween Party, which started in August on selected nights and will end on Halloween located in the Magic Kingdom. Before you assume this might be just for little kids, you are wrong. Mickey's Not-So-Scary Halloween Party is a nice break from all the horrors of Halloween.

The Rides

The event officially starts at 7 p.m. and ends at 12 a.m. Five hours seems like a short time, but not everyone knows that even though it starts at 7 p.m., you can enter the park at 4 p.m. Entering the park at 4 p.m., the Magic Kingdom looks the same as usual with all the fall decorations. Now, it is the perfect time to get on some rides. Every ride is open, but you aren't able to use fast passes because no matter what every ride will be 30 minutes or less. That means you should try to get on the "Snow White and Seven Dwarfs" coaster ride since on a regular day it's at least a two-hour wait. This year Disney decided to create new experiences after 7 p.m. for The Mad Tea Party, "Pirates of the Caribbean" and Space Mountain. The Mad Tea Party has different special effects and lighting during the ride; while you spin, you can see different flashes of light, music and everything is purple. There wasn't much of a difference on the "Pirates of the Caribbean" ride, though. Waiting in line, you will encounter live pirates warning you to be on the lookout for "Gunpowder Pete." During the ride, you are supposed to see a "Gunpowder Pete," but it was a little hard to tell what was different. Space Mountain must've been the best new experience Disney decided to create. Space Mountain is a dark coaster ride, to begin with, but at 7 p.m., they shut off every single light. Riding Space Mountain will give you a thrill because you just don't know what's going to happen next.

Entertainment

There are multiple shows and different kinds of entertaining things happening, and the best part about this is that it brings the Disney magic to you. After riding some rides and if you need a quick break you can enjoy the Cadaver Dans Barbershop Quartet in Frontierland. The Quartet appears at random times; if you happen to see them it is worth to stop for a quick break and enjoy the haunting melodies they perform. Everyone knows that in the Magic Kingdom there is always a parade for everything. The Mickey's "Boo-to-You" Halloween Parade is a must watch, but it can get very crowded. The perfect spot is to sit by Splash Mountain where the parade begins. The best part of this parade is watching The Headless Horseman lead the parade on his horse. The Happy HalloWishes Fireworks, which only happens once at the event, is a must-see. This 12-minute fireworks show will amaze you and make you say "wow." At 10:15 p.m., between fireworks, special effects and music you can sing along to, this is worth standing in the vast crowd. The best part is that you can be far or close and see the fireworks no matter where you are. The final and best entertainment that everyone needs to see is The "Hocus Pocus" Spelltacular. The famous and loved Sanderson Sisters come to Disney to use their magic to make this Halloween party exciting and full of shenanigans. During this show, you will see multiple villains, singing and potion-making. The best part is that

Photo by Bernard Ramos

Magic Kingdom is decorated with so much fall decor. These Mickey wreaths are a fan favorite and fans even make their own.

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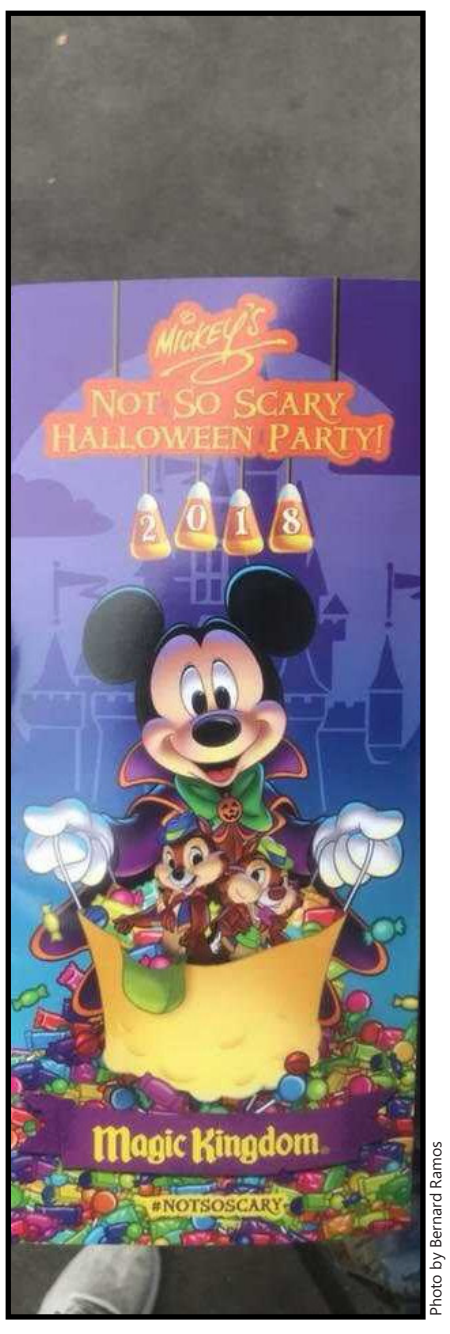
The Mad Tea Party gets a scary makeover with dark lights and some spooky music for you to spin to.



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Don't forget to pick up the brochure. This will be the best way for you to find free candy, where to buy Halloween themed food and show times.

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Head over to Tomorrowland to get your Candy Corn Ice cream. This is a perfect way to satisfy your sweet tooth and cool you down during a humid night.

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it has four showings, so you have time to watch it at least once. Sadly, determining the best place to watch this show is hard because of how crowded it gets. You won't be able to see the stage, but that shouldn't stop you from trying to watch the show because even if you can only see just a little bit of it, the songs are what makes the show. If you aren't into any of these entertainments, don't worry while these are happening, the lines for the rides will be the shortest.

Treats and Candy

Disney provides all of their guests with free mini trick-or-treat bags, although you are allowed to bring your own. If you are looking to get a lot of free, unlimited candy, this will be the perfect place that will get you on a sugar rush. Some good advice is to grab a map because this will be the best guide to find all of the candy. Not only is there candy, but Disney offers different kinds of treats and desserts for you to buy. Some desserts include the Not-So-Poison Apple Cupcake, Pumpkin Cheesecake and a Candy Corn milkshake; the best thing you should try is the Candy Corn Ice cream. If you aren't so much of a sweets person or satisfied with the free candy, try some of the park's specialty food. The Hades Nachos are black bean nacho chips topped with buffalo choice for a snack. If you are hungry and want a big meal, try the Munster Smashburger, which has a black bun, cheese tots and Sriracha aioli. Disney does a great job making sure visitors can get a combination of sweet and savory.

Disney's Not-So-Scary Halloween Party is the perfect way for you to celebrate Halloween with your friends, family or significant other. This is a perfect event especially for those that aren't fans of horror and getting scared. From satisfying your sweet tooth to meeting Disney characters and getting thrills from rides, this has a little bit of everything for everyone. Hurry up because this event does end on Halloween.

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Cinderella's castle turns spooky with purple and blue lighting. This is where you can see the Sanderson sisters bring shenanigans to Halloween.

Chris Evans Says Goodbye To Captain America

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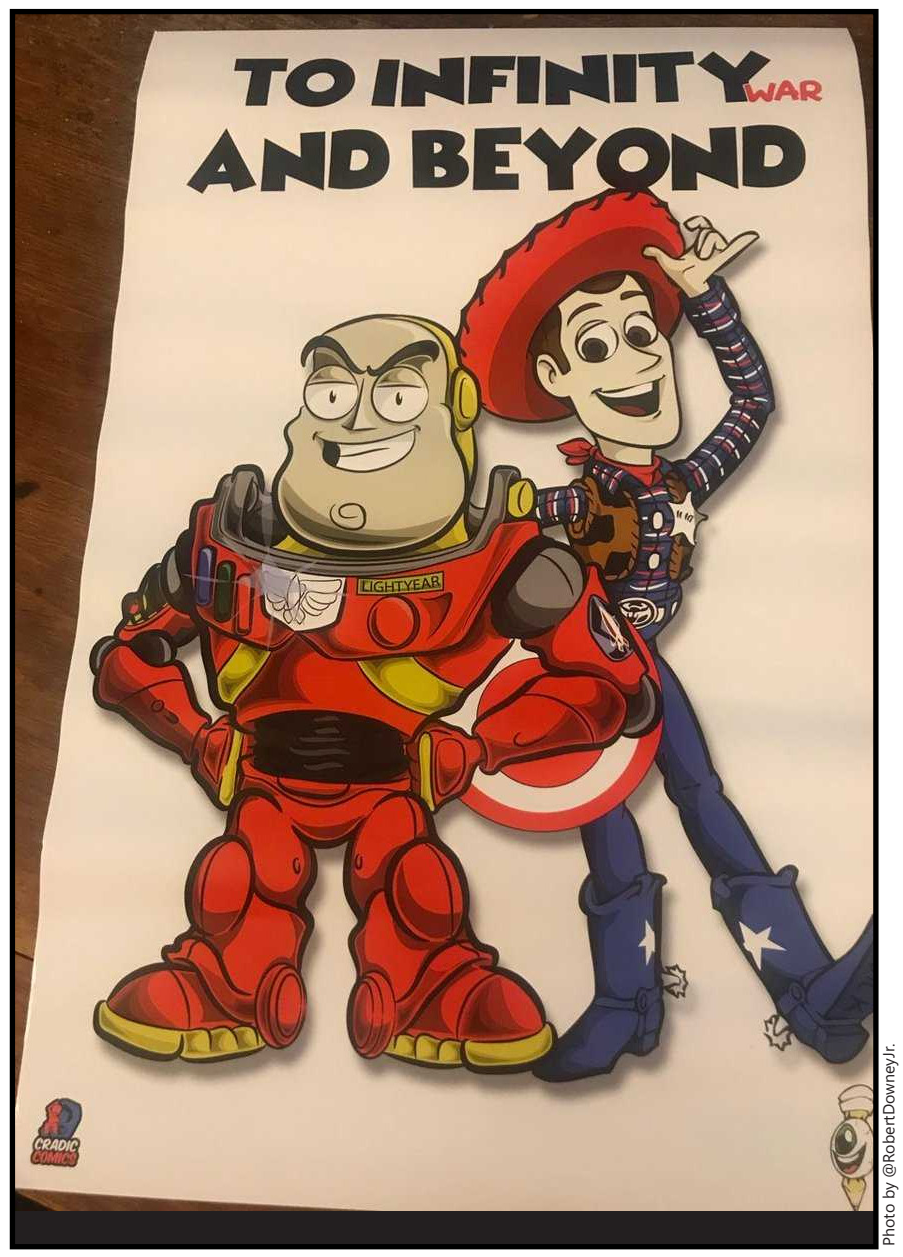
The Untitled Avengers 4 movie officially finished shooting scenes on Oct. 4 stated on Twitter by Chris Evans. The tweet did not just let know fans that filming has ended, but he had to let fans know that would be his last movie with Marvel. That means no more Captain America for Chris Evans. In Chris Evans' tweet, he wrote "Officially wrapped on Avengers 4. It was an emotional day to say the least. Playing this role over the 8 years has been an honor." This was a shock to many fans, but there had been word that Evans' contract was coming to an end.

Evans has respectively been playing Captain America since 2011, starring in 10 out of the 21 films Marvel has created since then. Many fans have been replying to this tweet, saying this is sad news. Not only are supporters showing their sadness, but other celebrities have also reacted like Ryan Reynolds and Dwayne Johnson. This is sad and happy news because Chris Evans has been the face of the famous superhero for a long time, and many fans grew up knowing that he was Captain America. It will be okay because he did an excellent job playing the role.

Now that everyone knows Evans is retired from playing Captain America, no one knows what is going to happen in the next film. "Avengers: Infinity War" was a crazy roller coaster ride. It was impossible to know what would happen next. Will Captain America die in the next film? Or will Captain America merely retire from saving the world? There are so many questions, but we will not find out the answers until the next release in 2019.

Photo by @AnthonyMackie

We might be saying good bye to Chris Evans but maybe not to Captain America. In the comics, the Falcon played by Anthony Mackie took over as the new Captain America. Maybe we will see that in the next movie.



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Robert Downey Jr., A.K.A. Iron Man, was one of the few who had something to say about Evans' farewell. After being part of Marvel together so long, they have created a strong friendship in life as well in the movies.

Sports

NFC South: Records All Around

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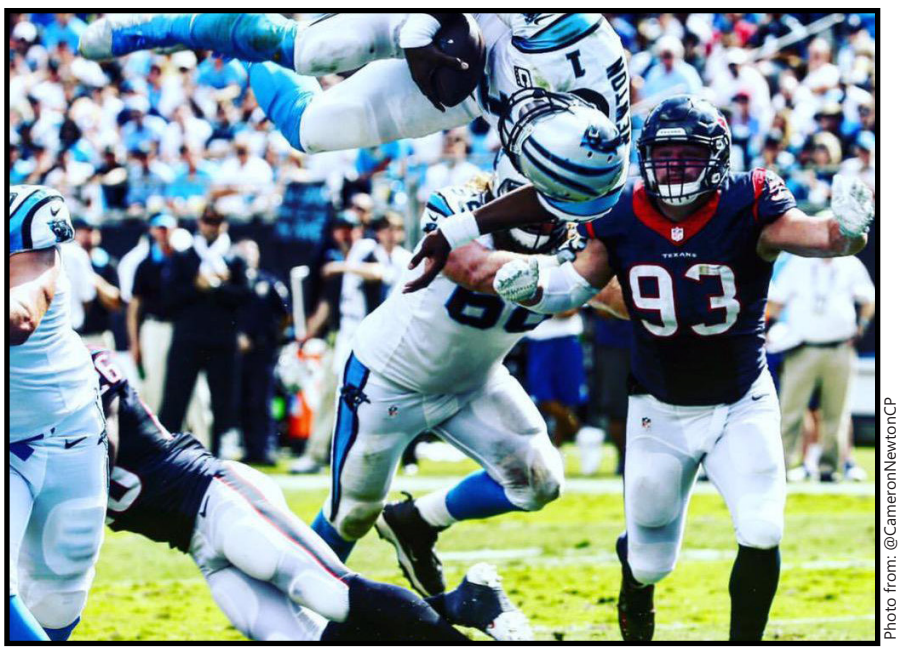
Last year the NFC South Division was the best division in football. The south had three teams with positive point differentials, how many points a team is either winning or losing by. All three of those teams also had 10 or more wins and it was the only division that had three teams with winning records.

Most people only care about who wins the Super Bowl, but it is important to track how your team places in the division as well. Through the first five weeks of the season, two teams have winning records, but can they hold out? Will any of last season's success carry over to this year?

Through four weeks, the Carolina Panthers and New Orleans Saints (4-1) are atop the division. Carolina, 3-1, won the first game of the year and dropped the second, then came back and won two straight. The bottom half of the division is brought up by an interesting Tampa Bay Buccaneers' team, and a sad Atlanta Falcons' team.

The Carolina Panthers, led by quarterback Cam Newton and running back Christian McCaffrey, look to make it back to the playoffs after a disappointing loss in the wild card game last year. Newton, who has been with the team since 2011, has led the team to four playoff berths in seven seasons and made it to the Super Bowl in 2015. Newton has 883 yards in four games for an average of nearly 211 passing yards per game. Add his 165 rushing yards to that and Newton has almost 1050 yards on the season, accompanied by seven passing touchdowns, three rushing touchdowns and three interceptions.



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The Carolina Panthers, led by quarterback Cam Newton and Christian McCaffrey, look to make it back to the playoffs after a disappointing loss in the wildcard game last year.

Christian McCaffrey has shouldered the brunt of the rushing attack with 329 rushing yards on 63 attempts for 5.2 yards per carry. McCaffrey also has 192 receiving yards catching 27 of 32 passes targeting him. Despite these impressive numbers, he has no touchdowns.

Newton's favorite receiving target has been Devin Funchess, who has caught 18 passes on the season for a total of 238 yards and a touchdown. Newton has spaced out his passing touchdowns, as seven receivers have one.

The highlight of their offense has been place-kicker Graham Gano, who is perfect on extra points and field goals on the season, including a 63-yard field goal to win the game against the New York Giants; the field goal tied for the second longest kick in the history of the NFL. The defense is held down by linebacker Luke Kuechly and defensive back Donte Johnson. Kuechly has 29 tackles and an interception and Johnson has three interceptions; the pair has four of the Panthers' seven interceptions.

This success has come without Pro-Bowl tight end Greg Olsen, who has been one Newton's favorite targets over the last few seasons, and inside linebacker Thomas Davis, who brings instant fire and drive to the defense. The Panthers will be a force this season if Newton can keep his interceptions down. Watch for Newton to break the all-time rushing record with a single franchise this season too.

The New Orleans Saints are on fire right now, having just blown out the Washington Redskins, who, before the game Oct. 8, had the best passing defense in the NFL, but that was before quarterback Drew Brees said otherwise. Brees shredded the defense for 363 yards and a trio of touchdowns.

He also broke Peyton Manning's all-time passing yards record of 71,940. Brees is also on track to break his record for touchdowns as well; he has 1,658 yards on the season with 11 touchdowns and no interceptions. His favorite target downfield has been Michael Thomas, who has 519 yards and three touchdowns on the season. Besides Thomas, six other Saints' receivers have triple digit yards.

The ground game for New Orleans has been dominated by Alvin Kamara, who is one-yard shy of 300 yards accompanied by five touchdowns. Demario Davis leads the team in tackles but overall the defense hasn't been stellar.

Their high scoring offense makes it hard for other teams to stay in games. With a passer like Brees heading the offense, there isn't any pressure on the defense. Watch this team to see more records broke, and a lot of offense this season.

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers have not made the playoffs since 2007 but had a hot start out of

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Defense Wins Championships

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Patrick Mahomes and the Kansas City Chiefs are off to one of the hottest and most explosive starts that any quarterback and team could have. Before his game against the Jacksonville Jaguars, where he seemed human, Mahomes had 1,200 yards and 14 touchdowns with zero interceptions. He was on pace to pass for over 5,000 yards and over 50 touchdown passes. While most teams had them written in for a Super Bowl, Mahomes faced a top defense in the league, dropping his completion percentage almost 5 percent, recording zero touchdowns and two interceptions. However, he did pass for over 300 yards and led his team to a 30-14 victory because his defense showed up to play.

After seeing this display of normalcy, I do not believe that the Chiefs will not win the Super Bowl. While some will consider that statement blasphemous, it has nothing to do with Mahomes and the Chief being the best offense in the league. To simply put it, they are not the most complete team in the NFL; it has been seen repeatedly in history that defense is just as important, if not more important when it comes to winning the big games.

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Patrick Mahomes' record-breaking MVP season is helping his team be the best.

Two examples of defense overcoming offense can be seen in both Super Bowl XLVIII and 50. Super Bowl XLVIII was a blow out win where the No.1 ranked, Legion of Boom defense of the Seattle Seahawks, took on Peyton Manning and the No. 1 ranked offense being the Denver Broncos. The defense dominated Manning all night where they recorded two interceptions, two fumbles, as well as only allowing 280 yards passing and 27 yards rushing. Another example is the way the Broncos dominated the Carolina Panthers. Von Miller and company held Cam Newton to 256 passing yards and 45 rushing yards, while recording four sacks, one interception and a defensive touchdown.

With that in mind, it needs to be understood that the Chiefs' defense is the worst in the NFL. Coming in at No. 32 they surrender a staggering 461 yards a game, 61 yards more than the next team. They are last in allowing yards after the catch with 297 yards per game, meaning that they have issues tackling after allowing receivers to catch the football. They are the only team to surrender more than 300 passing yards a game at 343, all while surrendering 25.8 points per game putting them in 20th place for that category; this puts a lot of pressure on Mahomes to play at his absolute best almost every game. Besides the game against the Jaguars, where I believe the defense was a fluke, Mahomes has never beat a team by more than 10 points all while averaging 35 points per game. To score 35 points a game, even for Mahomes, is a hard task in the National Football League, which means if he has "human-like" games the defense needs to show up as they did in Jacksonville. However, evidence shows that the defense probably will not be there to back him up based on the stats. One example was the close game in Denver, where the Broncos should have won the game if it not been for Case Keenum missing a wide-open Demaryius Thomas running down the sideline for a game-winning touchdown. The Chiefs' defense got lucky, and with a QB

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